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To the Director.

1. Information of MARQUIS[MARKIZ][i].

a) After unsuccessful conversations with the Communist party about the role of the 8th Army, CHIANG KAI-SHEK sent an extra five divisions to strengthen the army blockading the SHENSI - KANSU - NINGSIA areas (ARTHUR's[ARTUR][ii] information).

b) For a while in government circles the question of sending their representatives for direct contact with [D% the government] of the [D% areas] indicated was urgently discussed. This intention is explained by the desire of the American command to establish air bases on the territory of these regions.

c) In the Lend-Lease Division of the War Department among the commissioned personnel there is increasing resistance to fulfilling shipments for the USSR (particularly in connection with [C% the Red Army line]). The most vehement advocate of [D% curtailing] shipments is Major A. PEABODY. (Information of RHODES[iii], an employee of the Division and an old acquaintance of FARLEY[FARLI][iv]).

d) Military circles are also resisting Lend-Lease consignments to the Chinese government, insisting along with this on increasing consignments to General STILWELL. (The same source).

2. Information of SMITH[SMIT][v].

Beginning on 13th August the Russian Division [OTDEL] of O.S.S. has been working day and night on the compilation of some kind of urgent report (SMITH could not find out the details - he supposes the report is being prepared for ROOSEVELT's conference with CHURCHILL []).

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